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General Manager, Foreign Agencies, Ltd.

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1. Bogunsky was born in Kiev on 1 January 1921. In 1942, he arrived in Calcutta from Shanghai with seven other Russian emigrants on the S.S. TANDA. After arriving he was completely stranded in Calcutta until he joined the Calcutta Auxiliary Fire Brigade with which he worked until June 1944. Bogunsky is now in contact with the U.S.S.R. trade agent in Calcutta and his movements and activities are held in great suspicion. He is a contact of B.A. Shervashidze, a stateless White Russian of extremely shady character, who arrived in Calcutta on the S.S. TANDA with Bogunsky. Bogunsky has made at least two trips to Rangoon where he is reported by a doubtful source to have taken an interest in the Red Flag Communists.
2. It would appear that Bogunsky is now the general manager of Foreign Agencies Ltd., 80 Clive Street, Calcutta. This firm has trade connections with the Soviet Trade Agency in Calcutta, which, according to Bogunsky, were severed by Mr. Elshin\* apparently in July 1947. A later report indicates, however, that Elshin revised his attitude toward the firm and is again working with it. Bogunsky and a man called Gupta (fnu)\*\*\* acted as hosts at a private preview of Russian films in Calcutta on 26 August 1947, which was attended on invitation by about one hundred of the city's most prominent Indians. There were no signs of any members of the Soviet Trade Delegation in the gathering.
3. Bogunsky is also reported to be a frequent visitor to the Bombay office of C.A. Martin\*\*\*\* Soviet Film Distributors\*\*\*\* Famous Cine Buildings, 20 Hanes Road, Mahaluxmi, Bombay, ostensibly in connection with the distribution of Soviet films. He has stated that he is employed in an honorary capacity by this firm. He has also stated that he hopes to take charge of the distribution functions of the Calcutta office of the Soviet Film Distributors.
4. Bogunsky possesses Calcutta Registration Card No. 3853, and includes among his associates Sanyal (fnu),\*\*\*\*\* S.A. Ahmad and Valin (fnu).\*\*\*\*\* He is reported to be assisting the Nataraj Pictures of Calcutta in obtaining bookings for Soviet films.

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Comment. Possibly the same as Basil Alexander Shervashidze, suspected Soviet agent in North China (1947).

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Comment. [redacted] dated 21 April 1949, states that A.N. Elshin and wife departed for the USSR and are not scheduled to return to Calcutta.

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Comment. Possibly the same as M. Gupta, head, Calcutta Branch, Soviet Film Distributors.

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Comment. [redacted] dated 6 April 1949 states the history of the Soviet Film Distributors and identifies C.A. Martin as the manager of the firm.

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Comment. Possibly the same as Arun Sanyal, a leader of the Communist Party of India.

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Comment. Possibly the same as Valentin Evgenievich Valin, President of the Soviet Association in Shanghai (March 1947) and one-time director of the Tass radio station in that city. He had close ties with Russian officials in Shanghai.

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